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In response to the Office Action mailed on September 8, 1999,
please enter the following amendments and consider the following
remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

At page 15, lines 20-22, please replace "copending and
commonly assigned U.S. Patent Application No. 08/808,850" with
U.S. Patent 5,958,348 to Bi et al.--.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 5 and 17, as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A collection of particles comprising
aluminum oxide, the collection of particles having an average
diameter of the primary particles from about 5 nm to about 500 nm
and less than about one in 10^6 particles have a diameter greater
than about three times the average diameter of the collection of
particles.

5. (Amended) The collection of particles of claim 1 wherein the
collection of particles includes [effectively no] less than about

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